



SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

STATEMENT OF MEETING Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work

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STATEMENT OF THE 59TH MEETING OF PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORK

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work convened its 59th meeting on 27 July 2026, reaffirming its commitment to advancing the profession.

Chairperson's report

The Chairperson presented a comprehensive report covering overview of strategic engagements, governance activities and sector developments since the previous meeting:

- The report emphasised participation in Council meetings, collaboration with government stakeholders and advocacy initiatives aimed at strengthening the profession.
- International Child and Youth Care Workers Week: The Professional Board celebrated the contributions of child and youth care workers nationwide, spotlighting achievements while drawing attention to persistent challenges such as limited employment opportunities and delayed recognition of child and youth care workers.
- Strategic Engagements: A significant milestone was the Chairperson's invitation to present at the Heads of Social Development sector meeting, where challenges including stipend delays, education pathways and policy implementation gaps were raised. The Department acknowledged these concerns and committed to incorporating them into future planning.

Registration under the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work

The Professional Board noted that a total of 18 child and youth care workers, one student child and youth care worker, 124 auxiliary child and youth care workers and 37 student auxiliary child and youth care workers were registered between January and March 2026. The names of 17 auxiliary child and youth care workers were restored in terms of section 20(3) of the Social Service Professions Act, 110 of 1978.

Education, training and development

The Professional Board received updates on initiatives to strengthen education and professional development:

- After the published General Notice (General Notice 9 of 2026) which was published on 29 May 2026, for a call for interested child and youth care workers to serve on the Quality Assurance Panel for Auxiliary Child and Youth Care Learning Programme, 21 applications were received. A panel has been constituted to assess the applications.
- Three skills development providers accredited to offer auxiliary child and youth care work NQF level 5 programme were selected to form part of the quality assurance assessment process for the 2026/2027 financial year.
 - a) Radhi School of Health Studies based in Gauteng
 - b) Rostec Technical FET College (Pty) Ltd in Limpopo and
 - c) Comfort, Comfort My People in North-West
- A total of eight continuing for professional development (CPD) applications were received, seven were assessed and approved and one was deferred, pending submission of outstanding documents.

The Professional Board concluded its 59th meeting by expressing sincere gratitude to members and Secretariat for their attendance, active participation and valuable contributions. Members were reminded that practitioners and stakeholders look to the Professional Board for leadership, guidance, solutions and underscoring the importance of maintaining responsiveness and accountability.

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The South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP) is an autonomous statutory body established in terms of section 2 of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 ("the Act"). The SACSSP discharges its mandate, subject to the provisions of the Act together with the Regulations and Rules thereto, as the determining, guiding and directing authority body for the social service professions of social work and child and youth care work in the country. The SACSSP fulfils this role through Council constituted in terms of section 5 of the Act and the Professional Board for Social Work and the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work established in terms of section 14A of the Act and constituted in terms of the applicable Regulations, by setting the standards for education and training of social service professionals (qualifications and continuous professional development); registration of social service professionals as a requirement to practice; setting standards for and exercise effective control over the professional conduct (including ethics) of social service professionals as well as by taking policy resolutions as guidelines for the practising of the social service professions under its auspices. Thus, protecting the integrity of the social service professions as well as the interest of the public at large. It is a legal requirement in terms of the Act for a social worker, social auxiliary worker, student social worker, student social auxiliary worker, child and youth care worker, auxiliary child and youth care worker, student child and youth care worker and student auxiliary child and youth care worker to be registered and in good standing in terms of his or her registration as condition to practise.